

CLAIMS:

1. A beverage making device comprising a brewing chamber (5) for enclosing a pad containing a substance from which the beverage is brewed, the brewing chamber (5) having an upper wall (4) with one or more holes (3) through which heated water can enter the brewing chamber (5), which upper wall (4) can hinge from a substantially horizontal brewing position in which the upper wall (4) is a portion of the wall of the brewing chamber (5) into an open position in which the pad can be removed from the brewing chamber (5), characterized in that a substantial portion of the surface of said upper wall (4) is provided with protrusions (21) having a height of more than 0.5 mm, the distance between every two neighboring protrusions (21) being less than 12 mm.
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2. A beverage making device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the distance between every two neighboring protrusions (21) is less than 6 mm.
3. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,
15 characterized in that the height of the protrusions (21) is more than 0.7 mm, preferably more than 1 mm.
4. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that the transverse section of the protrusions (21) is substantial circular, with
20 a diameter between 0.5 mm and 3 mm, preferably between 1 mm and 2 mm.
5. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that the distance between every two neighboring protrusions (21) is less than eight times the height of the protrusions (21), preferably less than five times the height of the
25 protrusions (21).
6. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that at least a portion of the side wall of a protrusion (21) extends at an angle
of more than 60°, preferably more than 75°, relative to the plane of said upper wall (4).

7. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a portion of each protrusion (21) is substantially cylindrical.
- 5 8. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the protrusions (21) are ribs on the surface of the upper wall (4).
9. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that said upper wall (4) can hinge through more than 60°, preferably more
10 than 70°, more preferably more than 80°.
10. A beverage making device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized by a removable part comprising the part of the wall of the brewing chamber (5) other than said upper wall (4), which removable part can be taken from the device in order to
15 clean the brewing chamber (5) or to remove the pad.
11. A method of making a beverage by means of a beverage making device, wherein a pad containing a substance from which the beverage is to be brewed is placed in a brewing chamber (5), said brewing chamber (5) having an upper wall (4) with one or more
20 holes (3) through which heated water can enter the brewing chamber (5), wherein said upper wall (4) is hinged after the brewing process from a substantially horizontal brewing position in which the upper wall (4) is a portion of the wall of the brewing chamber (5) into an open position in which the pad is removed, characterized in that a substantial portion of the surface of said upper wall (4) is provided with protrusions (21) having a height of more than 0.5 mm,
25 the distance between every two neighboring protrusions (21) being less than 12 mm, so that the pad will remain in the brewing chamber (5) when the upper wall (4) is hinged into its open position.